

Apparatus and methodology to provide embossing of recycled pulp, which
5 may contain contaminants such as glue or paper particles, without adversely affecting
the processing machinery. This enables the recycled pulp to be embossed in a manner
similar to that of non-recycled pulp which provides an absorbency, softness and
appearance to the finished product which compares favorably to paper products made
from non-recycled pulp. The embossing is carried out by matched embossing rollers
10 in which one of the rollers is relatively soft (Shore A hardness of 50-65) and the other
roller is relatively hard (Shore A hardness above 90). Recycled pulp, even containing
contaminants, may be embossed in this manner without causing excess wear or
possible damage to the embossing rollers.